

Letter from Sarah Fuller to Alexander Graham Bell, March 29, 1884

A WOMAN'S LIFE. Miss Annie E. Bond.—Died March 2, 1884.

A face that, ever brave and bright,— Alike through sad and joyful hours— Still kept the shadows out of sight, And, with its earnest, changeful light And constant love, looked into ours.

A hand that never pressed our own But we could feel our spirit thrill As though the strength her soul had known, Like perfume from the flower, was thrown Around our heart, with subtle skill.

A mind whose thought was still addressed Some new-found blessing to confer: To make another's burden less; To weary lip the cup to press Of joy, untasted, but for her.

A heart so wide its pulses thrilled In unison both strong and sweet With those her life's horizon filled, And, by no time or distance chilled, Embraced the world within its beat.

All these in fullest strength bestowed On those who know a soundless world: For them life's incense freely flowed, For them love's radiance brightly glowed, For them was new-born hope unfurled.

Ah, sister, life can ne'er bestow The brightness now for thee destroyed; Ah, friends, your sorrow still must grow, But we, those silent ones, must know A deeper loss—a larger void.

A soldier, as the conflict grows, A sudden wound may firmly meet; The fatal secret still he knows, Yet struggles bravely to the close— So forward pressed her earnest feet.

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The fight is won—the victory now Has crowned her with its glad release; O Father we would ask that Thou With strength like hers would still endow Our closing ranks, till conflicts cease.

Alice C. Jennings.

Auburndale, March 18, 1884.

Mr. William B. Swett, superintendent of the New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes, died in Beverly, Tuesday evening. Mr. Swett was born in Henniker, N. H., in August, 1825. He was a deaf mute, and during a quarter of a century has been identified with the best interests of that class in the community. He was the author of a volume entitled "The Adventures of a Deaf Mute in the White Mountains," in which he vividly described the adventures that befell him in his ascent of the peaks, particularly of that of the "Old Man of the Mountain," a fac-simile of which he produced in plaster. In 1879 he started a school for deaf mutes in Beverly with the purpose of obtaining the recognition of the State, but died before his work was completed. He leave a widow and three daughters.